

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### TRIBUTE TO JACOB SIEGERT

#### HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 25, 2006*

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of my constituents, Mr. Jacob Siegert of Littleton, CO. Mr. Siegert has been accepted to the People to People World Leadership Forum here in our Nation's Capitol. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the People to People program founded by President Eisenhower in 1956.

Mr. Siegert has displayed academic excellence, community involvement and leadership potential. All students chosen for the program have been identified and nominated by educators.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to join in paying tribute to Jacob Siegert, and wish him the best in all his future endeavors.

### IN HONOR OF GRAFTECH INTERNATIONAL

#### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 25, 2006*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of GrafTech International upon the celebration of its 50th anniversary.

Beginning in 1956, GrafTech, with its global headquarters in Parma, OH, has led its industry in research, development and testing of graphite and carbon science. Through GrafTech's 50 years of dedicated work, the company boasts nearly 700 patents and new technologies. In 2003, GrafTech was named a National Chemical Landmark for its work on the discovery and development of carbon fibers. This great research scopes the discovery of carbon fibers to new graphite materials for fuel cells.

GrafTech has been recognized 11 times as the recipient of the R&D 100 awards. GrafTech employs 3,800 workers in 13-state-of-the-art manufacturing facilities spanning 4 continents and serving over 80 countries. With its global headquarters located in Parma, OH, and more than 100 years of manufacturing excellence in Lakewood, OH, GrafTech International provides nearly 300 jobs for the area and has been recognized for significant job creation in Northeast Ohio. I am proud that this great company is located in my congressional district.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of the 50-year anniversary of GrafTech International. GrafTech has served as a pioneer in its industry. I wish GrafTech International continued years of success and offer my thanks in providing many northeast Ohioans with a great workplace.

### RECOGNIZING NATIONAL ASSISTED LIVING WEEK AND THE EMPLOYEES AND RESIDENTS OF PICKERING MANOR

#### HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 25, 2006*

Mr. FITZPATRICK of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize National Assisted Living Week as a time to honor the doctors, employees and the residents they serve in assisted living facilities across the county. This year's theme of "Hearts In Harmony," properly expresses the shared desire of everyone in the assisted living community to deliver care in a respectful and loving manner to the residents and the families they serve.

Today, I want to take a moment to honor the great work that the nurses and staff of Pickering Manor, an independent living facility in Newtown, PA, do every day to honor this theme and enhance the lives of senior citizens throughout my district.

Pickering Manor was opened in 1963 through the great generosity of H. Russell Pickering, who bequeathed his residence fortune for the creation of a facility to serve the older citizens of Newtown, PA, and its surrounding communities. This unique non-profit facility is located in historic Newtown in beautiful Bucks County, PA, and is owned and operated by the Community Welfare Council of Newtown. Even after extensive growth, Pickering Manor continues to be funded solely by its residents and contributions from individuals, businesses and organizations throughout the community.

It is easy to see that Pickering Manor takes great pride in its ability to provide a comfortable and friendly atmosphere throughout its full spectrum of services, which ranges from independent living to highly skilled nursing. The facility provides its residents with a variety of independent living choices. Pickering Manor offers 24 apartments and 10 landscaped cottages for its residents to choose from. This variety, combined with its well manicured grounds and a multitude of activities ensures that Pickering Manor's residents have a beautiful place to live and interact with friends and family.

The generosity of H. Russell Pickering in bequeathing his home and his treasure to create a place where his neighbors could call home is a testament to the American character and our ideals of compassion and civic involvement. His legacy lives on at Pickering Manor.

The idea that we may need long-term or personal care as we get older is not something many of us think about on a day-to-day basis. However, it is something we must all plan for as we grow older. It is good to know that there are places like Pickering Manor and the people who staff it that embody the idea of this year's theme and the ideals behind National Assisted Living Week.

### HONORING ALL AMERICAN POST COMMANDER THOMAS RONAYNE

#### HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 25, 2006*

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the dedication of my constituent, Thomas Ronayne. As commander of Post 1469 in Huntington Station, he has devoted himself to the betterment of life for veterans on Long Island. In fact, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States honored Thomas Ronayne as an All American Post Commander last month. This is one of the most esteemed titles within the Veterans of Foreign Wars organization.

Commander Ronayne is one of only 101 VFW post commanders around the world to be designated with this prestigious honor. With his hard work ethic, Ronayne has increased membership and services provided at Post 1469 in Huntington Station, NY. I am pleased to say that he has also contributed to the flourishing involvement in VFW programs on Long Island.

It is an honor to have All American Commander Thomas Ronayne working and living in the Second Congressional District of New York. He has dedicated his entire life to serving his country and I am grateful for his service. We should all be so lucky to have citizens like Thomas Ronayne in our districts.

I hope you will join me in applauding Commander Ronayne for his dedication to the VFW, his country and particularly Post 1469.

### TRIBUTE TO GEORGE SILVESTRI

#### HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 25, 2006*

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay respect and tribute to Mr. George Silvestri, who passed away on July 6 at the age of 87.

George Silvestri was born in Youngstown, OH in 1919 and graduated from East High School. After high school George served in the U.S. Army under General Patton for 4 years and earned the rank of sergeant in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. After his discharge in 1945, he returned home to Youngstown and soon after married Elvira DeCato.

George applied his experience serving his country to serving the Mahoning Valley by forming a construction company with his brothers, Frank and Anthony. The Silvestri Brothers Construction Company later expanded to a number of different companies that focused on a wider range of development and construction.

These construction companies contributed to some of the most well known projects in the 17th District, such as the Delphi Packard plant

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